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Official meetings

Friday, 21 November 2003

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4869th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

3 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Cyprus (S/2003/1078)

Other matters

United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC)

College of Commissioners

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1522nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Irena Zubcević (Croatia) on: A/C.2/58/L.6 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.22 (item 94 (g)), A/C.2/58/L.13 (item 96), A/C.2/58/L.21 (item 99 (b)) and A/C.2/58/L.36* (item 103)

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 54th meeting . . . Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 55th meeting . . . Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . [117 (b)]

   Introduction of documents A/C.3/58/L.73, A/C.3/58/L.74, A/C.3/58/L.75, A/C.3/58/L.76, A/C.3/58/L.77, A/C.3/58/L.78 and A/C.3/58/L.81

2. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . [117 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.67, A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1[1] and A/C.3/58/L.79

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . [113]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.25/Rev.1

4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . [115 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.34

5. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments . . . [117 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.44

6. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . [117 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.57, A/C.3/58/L.63, A/C.3/58/L.64, A/C.3/58/L.65 and A/C.3/58/L.72

7. Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . . . [117 (c)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.69

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m. 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/58/381, A/58/447 and A/58/447/Corr.1) . . . . . [138]

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations . . . . . [134]

   Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

   Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 . . . . . [121]

   Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire . . . . . [161]

   (A/58/370, A/58/535, A/C.5/58/12, A/58/598 and A/58/538)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (A/58/539 and A/58/591) . . [165]

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 138 (Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/58/381, A/58/447 and A/58/447/Corr.1))

2.30–4.45 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 165 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (A/58/539 and A/58/591)); and 125 (Pattern of conferences (A/58/32, A/58/194/Corr.1, A/58/194/Corr.2, A/58/213, A/57/783, A/57/809, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.1))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting
2. Illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects
3. Draft report

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

Afternoon[1] Closed meeting Conference Room 7

[1] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 40.

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session" (agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

10.30 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

12 noon–2 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)"; and A/C.2/58/L.35 entitled "Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat" (agenda item 101) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

12 noon–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

12 noon–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C 2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/L.8 entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development" (agenda item 95) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa"; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.30 entitled "Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (agenda item 94 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

5.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Friday, 21 November 2003

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: habitat; and trade)*

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee issues)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)*

12 noon–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: environment and sustainable development)*

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: science and technology; and cybersecurity)*

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting General Assembly Hall

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled " World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

African Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 21 November 2003

Room S-226

1 p.m. Ms. Denise Nappier, Treasurer of the State of Connecticut; Mr. Phil Angelides, Treasurer of the State of California; Mr. Alan Hevesi, Comptroller of the State of New York; and Ms. Mindy Lubbers, Executive Director of the Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies (sponsored by the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP))

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 24 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 63rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [52 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/65, A/58/65/Corr.1, A/58/65/Add.1 and A/58/423)

(ii) Report of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its fourth meeting (A/58/95)

(iii) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section C.2)

(iv) Draft resolution (A/58/L.19)

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/215)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/58/L.18)

3 p.m. . . . . 64th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16, chapter III, section B, programme 8; chapter IV, section B) . . . . . [39 (a)]

2. Oceans and the law of the sea [52 (a) and (b)]: *joint debate*

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Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 21st meeting, on Monday 24 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal "informals", chaired by Mr. José Briz Gutiérrez (Guatemala), on Wednesday, 26 November 2003, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D, to discuss item 13 (a) (Economic and environmental questions: Sustainable development) (Decision 11/2: Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development).

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

Group of 77 (*Second Committee: environment and sustainable development*)

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 (*Second Committee: environment and sustainable development*) on 24 and 26 November 2003 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 26 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 28 and 40 (f) (Afghanistan) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda items 28 and 40 (f) (Afghanistan), organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, on Monday, 24 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 26 November and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Wednesday, 26 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

UNITAR seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a seminar on "The Use of Local Energy Resources for Local Purposes: Natural Gas and Rural Poverty", to be held on the following dates: Monday, 1 December 2003, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter has been sent to all the permanent missions in New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 26 November 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 20 November 2003

Security Council

4865th meeting

Expression of sympathy

The President of the Security Council made a statement expressing his sympathy to the Governments and peoples of Turkey and the United Kingdom for the tragic loss of life that had resulted from the bombing in Turkey on 20 November.

The situation in the Great Lakes region

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for an International Conference on the Great Lakes region (S/2003/1099)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Minister of the Presidency for Parliamentary and Diplomatic Issues of Mozambique, His Excellency Mr. Francisco Madeira, and to the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Mr. Abdulkader Sharees.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Italy, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for the Great Lakes Region, His Excellency Mr. Keli Walubita, and to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, Mr. Ibrahima Fall.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Council heard statements by His Excellency Mr. Madeira (on behalf of the Presidency of the African Union) and by His Excellency Mr. Sharees.

The Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Keli Walubita.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Italy (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, and the EFTA country, Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Fall.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, China, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mexico, Bulgaria, Spain, Chile, Pakistan, Cameroon, Germany and Guinea, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Angola.

Mr. Fall and His Excellency Mr. Madeira responded to comments and questions raised.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/23).

4866th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 20 November 2003, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4866th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Wolfgang Weisbrod-Weber, Officer-in-Charge of the Europe and Latin America Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations."

4867th meeting *Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/1106, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1106) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1106) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1516 (2003).

Following the vote, the representative of Turkey made a statement.

4868th meeting *The situation between Iraq and Kuwait*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Secretary-General.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/24).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

52nd-53rd meetings — The summary of the 52nd and 53rd meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/226).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 20 November 2003

46th meeting — *Consideration of reports* . . . . . [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (E/1990/6/Add.35).

47th meeting — The Committee began to adopt the concluding observations on the initial report of Yemen (E/1990/5/Add.52).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (19 November 2003)[1]

Ratification: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (20 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Entry into force of amendments to Annexes VIII and IX of the Convention: (20 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

UNIFEM event on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November)

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a special event entitled "Not A Minute More" on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in

Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Rabya Nizam (UNIFEM) (tel. 1 (212) 906-5538; e-mail rabya.nizam@undp.org).

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

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Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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